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For: WORKFLOW SERVER AND WORKFLOW SYSTEM
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Group: 2153

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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July 7, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2004, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 7, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.